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Oklahoma City Area (8) Regional Planning Committee
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.

Location of Meeting: Oklahoma State Department of Health
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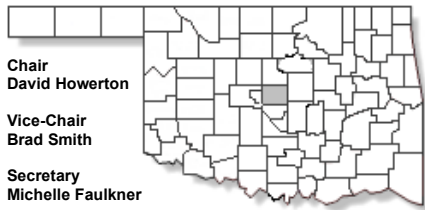
Draft Minutes

1. Brad Smith, Chair called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.
2. Roll Call was taken and recorded as follows:

Present at Roll Call	Absent at Roll Call
Brad Smith	Larry Terry
Dr. Amanda Celii Late	Dr. Alisa Cross
David Howerton	
Denni Wilson	
Jason Likens	
Lindsey Lindsay	
Dr. David Smith	
Zachery Sinsheimer	
Zakia Yazdanipour	
Rhiannon Cunningham	
Lindsey Rasmussen Late	

3. Brad Smith asked if we had any introductions or announcements. David Graham introduced himself as the new EMS Administrator for Region 8 until they hire a replacement for Dean. He also Introduced Ms. Becky Novac also as an EMS Administrator that is observing today.
4. The motion was made by David Howerton and seconded by Dr. Amanda Celii to approve the January 14, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes	Nays	Abstain
Brad Smith		
Dr. Amanda Celii		
David Howerton		
Denni Wilson		
Jason Likens		
Lindsey Lindsay		



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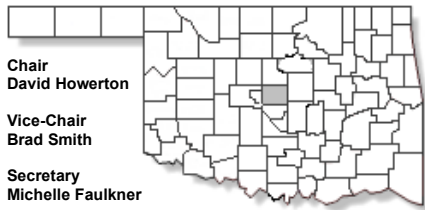
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5. Discussion, consideration, possible action, and vote to:..... Brad Smith, Chair
Brad Smith stated two topics for discussion and consideration.
- Approve Region 8 Trauma Plan Edits.
Brad Smith asked if everybody has had a chance to review the edits made from the last meeting. David Howerton asked Dr. Smith if there was anything else in there. Dr. Smith stated that since the edits, OU Health would like to make the statement that Priority 1 and Priority 2 patients go to a verified trauma center. We may or may not have a way to promote the best for these patients without that verification. David Howerton asked what they are asking this committee to do. Dr. Smith stated to require verification like we do for stroke in order to accept those patients. A person on the committee responded that ACS certificated facilities know that you have to take those patients for 12 months that are those types of patients to be verified so if this committed does that you would inhibit any hospital in the state of Oklahoma from ever achieving that verification. You limit access to Oklahomans to definitive trauma care. Oklahoma as a state is ranked last in the entire country for definitive care. The facility stated they are working with the state, and the state is holding them up to the standards that have not been required, and we are meeting them. We are sure they are practicing what they are going to move forward with the state level rules in 2026. WE have a state level designation that is giving us as we are going through our ACS process, and we meet with the state monthly. It just seems like we have a targeted attack from one center. We are going through steps with the state to become ACS certified, because it is important to us. Just let us go through the process with the state and quit bringing up this attack every couple of months. It was stated we all need to come together and do better for the citizens. It was read from triage definitions under triage definitions. Trauma patients that have time sensitive injuries requiring the resources that are designated level one or level two facilities. These patients should be directly transported to a designated level on or level three facility for treatment. It is already in the trauma plan in definitions. OU is wanting that verbiage to be verified. Dr. Smith stated his facility is concerned it does not allow our patients the care they expect without verification. Dr. Smith said he is not aware of anything that ACS has required for the new package verification. It was brought up that if the committee were to push forward with this rule it would truly inhibit any hospital from



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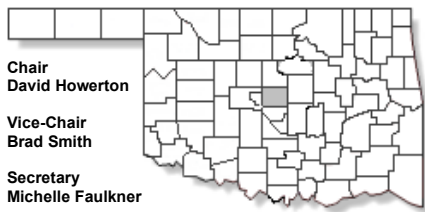
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ever achieving verification. You would be handcuffing the entire state to not allow any hospital to be able to provide this care. ACS requires 12 months of data when they come and visit of the care your have been providing to the entire community. So, if you don't have it, you cannot prove it. We should care about the community, and we would love for someone in south Oklahoma to go through this journey also. St. Francis and St. Johns have been some of our biggest allies and we meet with them all the time. They want us to do well. We wish region 8 could have that relationship. We should care about our patients. It was brought up in the discussion that what is being discussed currently is not in this committee's prevue. We are not a regulatory authority. It was brought up they have a patient concern they do not know what the verification is. A committee member proposed that the term designated in the definition be amended to state designation. The question was asked what is on the agenda to vote on. It was advised that the agenda said to approve the region 8 trauma plan edits. So, if we make the change being asked for then this would have to back on the next agenda for review and approval. The motion was made by Zachary Sinsheimer and seconded by Jason Likens to accept the region 8 trauma plan with edits. There was more discussion on the issue. The chair asked if anybody had objections to adding the SALT and Envenomation plans into the trauma plan. There were no objections. The SALT and Envenomation plans were dicussed. The motion carried as follows:

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- SALT quick access infographics
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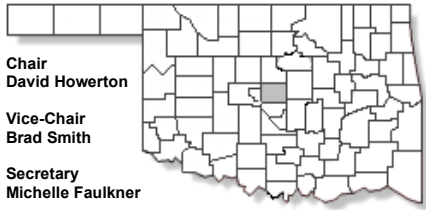
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- Update on CQI status
Brad Smith commented before we go on with the CQI update he would like to say he has volunteered his time for the last 15 years and a lot of these meetings have a lot of one way dissemination from the state to the committee's. CQI is the one committee where we are reviewing cases, reviewing system problems, over triage, appropriate triage, destinations. We were making a difference and i feel pride in that. The whole issue of CQI is trying to prevent these problems and issues and the lack of transparency from the state health department letting us know what is going on with CQI. Several of us donate our time and take PTO time to attend these meetings. So, we are here because we care. Mr. Smith asked David Graham what the update from the Health Department is. Mr. Graham stated that we have been told that Dr. Frazier will be making an announcement soon. I do not know how soon. I know Dr. Frazier is working on CQI. The committee asked if they could ask Dr. Frazier to attend their meeting and give them information. Mr. Graham stated he would ask.

6. New Business
The RPC notes in the documents of the regional trauma plan would like some clarification on what is going on with CQI. Does the committee want the response in a letter or email, or do we put it on OTERAC.
7. No Public Comment
8. Next meeting
 - Tuesday, July 8, 2025 – 8:30 a.m.
9. Motion, was made by Jason Likens and seconded by Zakia Yazdanipour to adjourn at 10:08 a.m. The motion carried as follows:

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